

Regular Session  
December 14, 2022

The Primghar City Council met in regular session on December 14, 2022, at 5:00 PM in the council chambers with Mayor Kurt Edwards presiding. Council present – Ken Miller, Ryan Jenness, and Steve Wittrock, Absent Tim Honkomp and Kevin Smith. Staff present – Carol Chicoine, Sarah Rohwer, and Mike Warnke. Motion by Jenness, approving the consent agenda, approving December 14th agenda, council minutes from November 9, 2022; and library minutes from November 9, 2022. Second Wittrock, all ayes, motion carried.

Visitors: Joseph Staneart came to follow up with the council on the potential changes to the city's ordinance on chickens. Staneart currently has petitions at both the post office, Bob and Scotts, and ProGo for residents to sign to gauge the support on revising the current ordinance.

Mike Warnke gave council an update on projects that the city workers have been working on: Christmas decorations have been put up, snow is being moved from the piles that are around town, streets have been sanded, concrete has been poured for the culvert repair on B-40, the generator is in but Dennis and Travis with DGR Engineering will go inspect the generator before it is moved, with the replacement of the transmission line; most of the supplies are in but the poles that are being replaced are on backorder. NIPCO also contacted Carol earlier this week and informed her that they are replacing a switch in our service area. The city's cost for this switch will be around \$75,000 and is not payable until the end of 2024.

City attorney Bruce Green assisted council with the proceeding for Public Hearing for the Sale a tract of Real Estate Owned by the City of Primghar Lots Sixteen and Seventeen (16 & 17) and the East Half (E - ½) of the Vacated Alley lying between Lots Thirteen, Fourteen, and Fifteen (13,14, & 15) on the West and Lot Sixteen(16) on the East, All in Block Thirty-nine (39) of Derby and Rowan's Addition to the City of Primghar in O'Brien County and State of Iowa, as shown by the recorded Plat thereof. Motion Jenness to open the public hearing. Second Miller, all ayes, motion carried. Public Hearing opened at 5:14 pm. No comments written or oral were received. Motion Wittrock to close the public hearing. Second Jenness, all ayes, motion carried. Public Hearing closed at 5:15 pm.

Motion Jenness Consider Resolution Authorizing the City of Primghar to Convey a Certain Tract of Real Estate Owned by the City. Second Miller, all ayes, motion carried. Motion Jenness Consider Resolution Approving the Executed Deed for a Certain Tract of Real Estate owned by the City of Primghar. Second Wittrock, all ayes, motion carried.

One sealed bid for the old 2008 Arrow Diesel Ambulance with Power Cot was received from Midwest Medical Transport for \$32,077. The bid was awarded to Midwest Medical Transport.

Motion Jenness to open the Public Hearing to review application for State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan and to make available to the public the contents of an environmental information document and the City's Project Plan. Second Miller, all ayes, motion carried. Public hearing opened at 5:18 pm. No comments written or oral were received. Motion Wittrock to close the public hearing. Second Miller, all ayes, motion carried. Public hearing closed at 5:19 pm. Motion Wittrock Approve and Authorize the Environmental Information Document for City of Primghar. Second Jenness, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Jenness Resolution Approving Wage Increase Jared Roos-Treatment 2. Second Miller, all ayes, motion carried. Council discussed the current Urban Revitalization for tax abatement plan. Motion Jenness to table decision on changes to the Urban Revitalization plan. Second Wittrock, all ayes, motion carried.

Motion Miller approving November Finance Report. Second Wittrock, all ayes, motion carried. During the November Finance Report, Clerk Chicoine informed council that the city's 5 year contract with T.P. Anderson & Company has expired. A new Request for Proposals will be sent out to auditing firms in the area for a 3 year contract with an option for 5 years. Chicoine also informed council that another budget workshop should be set up to discuss the next fiscal year's budget. A workshop is tentatively set for the middle of January. Motion Wittrock approving December Claims and bills paid in vacation. Second Honkomp, all ayes, motion carried.

Thor Klinker gave updates on nuisance abatement cases. A hearing will be set up for the property at 460 3<sup>rd</sup> St NW. Property at 180 1<sup>st</sup> St NW has had the deadline for the required fixes moved back to August 2023 from December 1, 2022. Property owner at 140 1<sup>st</sup> St NE is going to be cited for the red bike on the sidewalk, and there is still no ruling from the hearing 14 months ago.

Motion Miller to adjourn. Second Jenness, all ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

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ATTEST: Sarah Rohwer, Deputy City Clerk

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Kurt Edwards, Mayor